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*Yes, Mr Mitchard. I will*  
*look into this and speak with Vonda*  
*Gale. She is our person who resists*  
*time etc.*

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**HARDERN et al**

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Group: 1624

Filed: **March 8, 2000**

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For: **NOVEL COMPOUNDS**

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February 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**REQUEST FOR VACATION OF OFFICIAL ACTION**

Sir:

An action issued in this case on December 20, 2000. However, on filing of the case on March 8, 2000, a specific request was made that national examination procedures be **delayed** until expiration of the 30 month PCT international phase. That period expires on June 4, 2001 (30 months from the Swedish priority date of December 4, 1998). It is requested therefore that the action mailed December 20, 2000 be vacated, and the mailing date reset for some time after June 4, 2001.

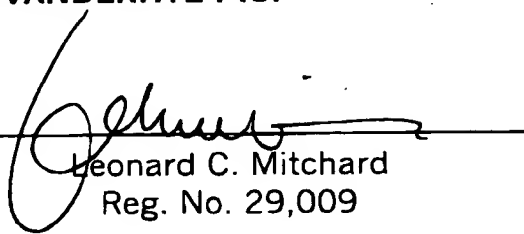
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Respectfully submitted,

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item 3, a request for  
immediate examination

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do, but if your people  
did not agree with that  
we should have been notified  
before now. The Examiner proceeds  
on the basis of acknowledgment in  
Form 903